

## WHY BE AN ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN?

- culturally and educationally rich environment of community colleges, liberal arts colleges, comprehensive and research universities
- wide variety of positions to take advantage of your strengths and interests
- satisfaction of assisting students and enhancing their learning
- continue development and learning through collaboration and cooperation with the classroom faculty members
- conduct research, create new knowledge, and applying new practices
- explore, implement, and use exciting new technologies
- interesting, caring colleagues
- highly valued service-oriented profession
- make a difference

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## HOW DO I BECOME AN ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN?

A BA or BS degree in any field provides the foundation (no undergraduate work in library science is required).

An MLS (Master of Library and Information Science) from one of the 56 schools accredited by the American Library Association. (See <http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oa/lisdir.html>.)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The information age has created a large demand for librarians and more positions are available than ever before (see *College & Research Libraries News* classified ads; also available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/advert3.html>):

- positions available throughout the United States and Canada
- advancement to management positions in a variety of situations

YOUR MAJOR  
+ ACADEMIC  
LIBRARIANSHIP =  
A *Great*  
CAREER!

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*The need for academic librarians with subject and technical specialties is increasing dramatically as information continues to grow exponentially and access to quality information is more difficult.*

*By combining your major with a Master's in Library Science, you can be assured of a challenging and rewarding lifelong career with mobility and advancement potential.*

“one of the best-kept  
career secrets”

~CNN.com

## WHAT DO LIBRARIANS DO?

Today's academic librarians are involved in a variety of challenging activities devoted to meeting information needs of students, faculty, researchers, and other library users:

- consult with individuals in analyzing, identifying, and fulfilling their information needs
- create campus-wide information literacy programs and deliver classroom instruction to strengthen information literacy skills
- select, organize, and facilitate access to information in a variety of formats
- keep abreast of technological advancements and develop strategies to take advantage of them
- plan, implement, and administer computer-based systems
- develop, evaluate, and organize electronic databases
- design and manage Web sites
- collaborate with classroom faculty, computer specialists, and instructional developers
- contribute to effective teamwork among colleagues

- participate in and lead public relations efforts to promote and raise funds for academic libraries
- all of the above and more!

Academic librarianship is a dynamic, evolving profession offering you many exciting challenges and meaningful rewards while you make a difference in this age of information.

## RESOURCES

American Library Association (ALA)  
<http://www.ala.org>

Directory of Accredited Library and Information Science Programs  
<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oa/lisdir.html>

Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)  
<http://www.ala.org/acrl>

Association of Research Libraries (ARL)  
<http://arl.cni.org/>

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)  
<http://www.alise.org/>

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